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1. FURTHER INFORMATION ON EGYPTIAN PLANS FOR CEMENT FACTORIES HAS BECOME AVAILABLE SINCE PREPARATION REFTEL. ACCORDING TO PRESS, BOARD CHAIRMAN OF EGYPTIAN GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR BUILDING MATERIALS AND CERAMICS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A NUMBER OF CEMENT PLANTS ARE PLANNED IN NEAR FUTURE WITH EXPECTED TRIPLING OF PRESENT PRODUCTION OF 3.8 MILLION TONS IN NEXT 5 YEARS.
 2. PLANT IN SUEZ IS REPORTEDLY TO BE SET UP WITH BOTH KUWAITI AND AMERICAN CAPITAL INDICATING THAT EGYPTIANS, AT LEAST, CONSIDER IT A POTENTIAL TRIANGULAR PROJECT. ADDITIONAL PLANS CALL FOR EXPANSION OF PLANT IN CAIRO WITH HELP FROM SOVIET UNION, IN ALEXANDRIA WITH HELP FROM YUGOSLAVIA, AND IN HELWAN WITH HELP FROM IBRD.
 3. IN CONNECTION WITH IBRD ASSISTANCE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT BANK HAS LEVIED REQUIREMENT, AS CONDITION ON ITS LOAN, THAT NO ADDITIONAL CEMENT PLANTS ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT BANK'S PERMISSION. GOE OFFICIALS FEEL THAT EXPANSION EXISTING PLANTS AND RECONSTRUCTION SUEZ PLANT DO NOT FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY.
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